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Dear Interested Parties:

**MEDI-CAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES REQUEST FOR APPLICATION
(RFA) 04-35199 ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN 8**

Administrative Bulletin 8, issued by the California Department of Health Services (DHS), Office of Medi-Cal Procurement (OMCP), announces the release of a replacement RFA for Medi-Cal Clinical Laboratory Services (RFA # 04-35199). This replacement RFA will supersede the original RFA that was released on April 5, 2004 in its entirety, in addition to all addenda to the original RFA that have been released to date. Please discard the original RFA and all addenda at this time. Use only the documentation provided in this replacement RFA dated September 15, 2004, and any subsequent addenda to the RFA that may be issued after September 15, 2004, in the preparation of your application.

Based on the complexity and number of questions posed prior to and at the pre-application conferences, in addition to the inputs received from interested organizations who responded to DHS' request for feedback and comments, DHS determined it necessary to issue a replacement RFA. DHS expects that the enclosed replacement RFA is simpler to follow and understand, and contains questions and requests for information/documentation tailored to apply more appropriately to various lab settings.

Please note that the volume of modifications preclude highlighting or other identification of changes within the replacement RFA and accompanying attachments. It is therefore advisable to thoroughly read and examine the replacement RFA. DHS will provide additional time for the preparation of applications. **The due date for all applications is November 15, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. (PST).** Please make note of the schedule of events contained on pages 7 and 8 of the RFA.

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Major revisions were made to the questions contained in the Attachments to Exhibit A. In addition to a reduction in the number of questions in each category, the categories have been divided into questions specifically for Non-Solo Practitioners or Solo Practitioners. Please review the definitions in the Glossary of Terms (Appendix 1) should there be any question as to which category you and/or your lab would fall under. Non-Solo Practitioners will complete only Attachments 1 and 2 for Exhibit A, while Solo Practitioners will complete only Attachments 3 and 4 for Exhibit A.

You are still encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent (Attachment 8) if you have not done so to date.

It is suggested that you view the OMCP website at www.dhs.ca.gov/omcp to obtain the latest information available about document releases and scheduling changes.

If you should have further questions, please contact Jesse Tanguileg, lead analyst assigned to this procurement, at (916) 255-6032.

Sincerely,

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